

ART. XV.—*Description of a New Lizard from Northern Queensland.*

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Hoplodactylus tuberculatus, sp. n.

Head large, oviform; snout rather longer than the distance between the eye and the ear-opening, once and three-quarters the diameter of the orbit; ear-opening round, half the diameter of the orbit. *Body and limbs* moderate. Toes slightly webbed at the base except outer two. Digits dilated as in *H. pacificus*, the length of the slender distal part about equal to that of the dilated portion, and nearly four times the width; about ten lamellæ under the fourth toe, all nearly straight. *Upper surfaces*: Snout covered with large granular scales, the rest of the upper surfaces with granular scales interrupted by numerous blunt, conical, smooth tubercles, recalling those of *Gymnodactylus pelagicus* in size and arrangement but less regularly disposed in linear series on the back, twenty four such longitudinal series on the dorsal region, tubercles small on head and fore-limbs, largest on back, root of tail and hind-limbs. Rostral twice as broad as high, with median cleft above extending nearly half way to the free edge of the scale; a pair of supranasals succeed the rostral, and are separated by a small scale in the median line; nostril pierced between the rostral, first labial, supranasal, and four small scales; 12 or 13 upper labials and 10 or 11 lower, including the smallest. *Lower Surfaces*: Mental smaller than rostral, triangular; three pairs of chin-shields, inner largest, outer granular scales adjacent to the labials much larger than the minute gular granules; abdominal scales larger, flat, hexagonal; a median series of wide scales under the tail. Tail cylindrical, tapering to a fine point, one fourth longer than the head and body.

Colour (of spirit specimen): Ground colour of dorsal surfaces light purplish or pinkish-grey with dark brown cross bands, broader (on the tail much broader) than the interspaces of ground colour between them; the first of these U shaped, extending from the back of the orbit, behind the occiput to the orbit on the other side; the second, in front of the fore-limbs, three between the fore and hind-limbs, one between the hind-limbs and ten of gradually decreasing size and distinctness on the tail. Under surfaces uniform pinkish grey.

DIMENSIONS.

Total length	...	...	200 mm.
Head	...	...	28 „
Width of head	...	...	21 „
Body	...	...	60 „
Fore-limb	...	...	31 „
Hind-limb	...	...	42 „
Tail	...	...	112 „

Locality.:—Endeavour River, Queensland. The genus has hitherto only been met with in India and in New Zealand. The present locality helps to bridge over the interval.

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The type specimen is lodged in the National Museum, Melbourne.
